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The Applicants thank the Examiner Abdulsalam for the prudential examination.

The indication by the Examiner that claims 6,9,16 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further noted and appreciated.


With respect to the Examiner's rejection to claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-15 and 17, the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

With respect to the Examiner's objection to claims 6, 9, 16 and 18-20, claims 6, 9, 16 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form; claims 19 and 20 now depend on allowable subject matter. All the currently pending claims are thus believed allowable. Such favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

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In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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